

Milky Way Dogwood



Visual interest throughout the spring, summer, and fall means that the Milky Way Dogwood Tree is a choice selection for home gardeners, transforming your yard into the best on the block.



***Cornus kousa* var. *chinensis* 'Milky Way'**

- **Use:** The Milky Way delights with a vase-shaped habit in the early years, eventually transitioning to a more rounded silhouette. Late spring brings showy blooms with white bracts and yellow-green pops of color. In summer, the flowers give way to berry-like pink fruit that lasts into fall, bringing graceful wildlife like birds and butterflies to your garden. In autumn, foliage turns a blazing red-orange.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun-shade. Best when planted under other trees, but not too deep a shade or poor flowering. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. This tree does better in open areas like lawns than the native trees do but it prefers some light shade especially in the afternoon. It prefers well-drained acidic soil and while it tolerates some dry soil it will not survive in water-logged environments.
- **Growth:** Grows 15-20' tall and wide in a vase shape.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The shiny dark green leaves turn reddish-purple to scarlet in fall. Excellent disease resistance.
- **Flower:** Unlike any other variety you get bigger blooms, bigger fruit, and bigger color than most any other dogwood on the market. Fruits and nesting sites attractive to songbirds. Squirrels eat fruits as well.